

REMARKS BY  
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AT  
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We are gathered here today to participate in the Time Capsule Ceremony - one of the many events of Concord's Bicentennial Year.

In October, 1964, the year 1965 was proclaimed as Concord Bicentennial Year. Many citizens of this community have been busily engaged ever since planning and celebrating our 200th Anniversary. Right now, we are coming to the middle of our Pageant Week, highlighting a twenty episode historical spectacular. The year long series of events in which we have been involved as part of this celebration have focused state-wide and national attention on Concord. Many new civic leaders have been discovered and developed. This was a challenge not only to the many committees which were sixty-two in number, but also to the many chapters of the Brothers of the Brush and the Bicentennial Belles. This promotion has also been of value to the retail trade of our City. Hundreds of visitors coming to Concord for these events have boosted the overall economy of the City of Concord. One of our committees has sent over two thousand letters to former residents of Concord inviting them back, plus many who will be coming from the communities of New Hampshire. The original proclamation stated that the celebration would promote a greater feeling of

community pride. This certainly has been true. This type of celebration has promoted a new civic awareness among all citizens. For instance, 576 people are in the cast of the Pageant, over 2000 Brothers of the Brush and Belles worked with the local committees, and many more participated because this is "their home town." More young people have become interested in civic affairs by seeing their parents and countless others working toward a common goal which has done more than can be measured to show the youth of this community that Concord is a pretty good place in which to live after all. Financial support from all citizens has enabled the Bicentennial Committee to put over an event that will live forever in the minds of all who participated, and best of all, make the event self-sustaining. I feel we have met the goals set for us with flying colors, thanks to the efforts of all of the citizens of this community, both young and old. It has been my privilege to serve my native city as Mayor during this busy, fabulous, spectacular Bicentennial Year.

To the Honorable Mayor who will be in office fifty years from now, in the year 2015, we who preceded you salute you and wish you well. May you and your citizens find the contents of this Time Capsule both interesting and informative and show you in a small way how much our Bicentennial Year has meant to us.